

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 are canceled.

9. (previously presented): A method for inhibiting blood glucose level elevation, comprising administering an effective amount of an acerola leaf extract and/or a processed product thereof to a subject in need thereof.

10. (previously presented): The method for inhibiting blood glucose level elevation according to claim 9, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof comprise(s) polyphenols.

11. (previously presented): The method for inhibiting blood glucose level elevation according to claim 9, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof is administered in the form of a food product.

12. (previously presented): A method for inhibiting advanced glycation end product (AGE) generation comprising administering an effective amount of an acerola leaf extract and/or a processed product thereof to a subject in need thereof.

13. (previously presented): The method for inhibiting AGE generation according to claim 12, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof comprise(s) polyphenols.

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14. (previously presented): The method for inhibiting AGE generation according to claim 12, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof is administered in the form of a food product.

15. (previously presented): A method for treating or preventing diabetes or diabetic complications via inhibiting blood glucose level elevation or AGE generation, comprising administering an effective amount of an acerola leaf extract and/or a processed product thereof to a subject in need thereof.

16. (previously presented): The method for treating or preventing diabetes or diabetic complications via inhibiting blood glucose level elevation or AGE generation according to claim 15, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof comprise(s) polyphenols.

17. (previously presented): The method treating or preventing diabetes or diabetic complications via inhibiting blood glucose level elevation or AGE generation according to claim 15, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof is administered in the form of a food product.

18. (new): The method of claim 9, wherein said acerola leaf extract and/or a processed product thereof is administered in a form of a food product, beverage or pharmaceutical composition.

19. (new): The method of claim 9, wherein said acerola leaf extract and/or a processed product thereof is administered in a form of a solid, semi-solid or liquid food product.